



THURSDAY - - NOV. 21, 1872.

**A Ferocious Man-Eater.**

A reporter of the *Bulletin* yesterday whilst walking along the city front, perceived a stalwart Italian fisherman engaged in repairing his boat at the foot of Sacramento street. He was a stalwart, brawny fellow, and with the exception of a slight lameness, presented a most perfect specimen of his class. The reporter, observing that he took a manifest pride in his craft, remarked that the fisherman's life on this coast was attended with many hardships. The fisherman answered that, with all its perils, fishing on the California coast was a luxuriant occupation compared with his labors elsewhere. He had a few months before his arrival here been wrecked on the South American coast, and all the crew on the lost bark, hailing from Goona, were compelled to take a raft. After four days existence on a few biscuits saturated with brine, and whilst suffering from agonizing thirst, he fell asleep on the forward part of the raft, and incautiously hung his legs within a few inches of the surface of the water. About midnight he felt something grasp him by the leg, and he was dragged down to the lower portion of the raft, which was a couple of feet under water. He threw out his hands and felt a slippery body, for it was a shark that had attacked the unconscious sleeper. A terrible struggle ensued. The fish was not full grown, and his strength was about equally matched with the victim he had chosen for his supper. They rolled over and over, the sailor, getting his hands into the monster's jaws, and the sharp rows of teeth lacerating them fearfully. At one time the assailant was within a few feet of the water, and almost succeeded in dragging his prey with him but the man though sorely exhausted rallied, and with one vigorous effort hauled the shark on the dry portion of the raft. Here his comrades were able to assist him, for though awakened by his cries at the outset, they became too panic-stricken to lift a hand to help him. Now with the pieces of a broken oar they assailed the intruder and soon dispatched him. The fisherman had the muscles of his left leg torn away, and he fainted from loss of blood at the end of the struggle. His companions bound up the wound with strips of their clothing, and then made a good supper off the carcass of the man-eater. About two hours after ward the raft grounded on the beach, and the unfortunate waifs landed. They made a large fire of brush, and during the four following days, subsisted on nuts and shell fish. At night the jaguars surrounded their camp and howled dismally. One of the party who had some knowledge of herbs bound up the wounded limbs with leaves which much relieved the sufferer. A coasting schooner at last picked them up, but all were attacked with the yellow fever. The schooner put in at Rio Janeiro, and there the sick men were put into a little wooden cabin outside the town. All, with the exception of the hero of the shark, have died, and he after his recovery, shipped for San Francisco. Now he is settled down to fishing and never cares about venturing on blue water again.

One of the best known men in Augusta, Me., a poor fellow who has nearly ruined himself by drink, in spite of numerous earnest and sometimes protracted efforts to reform, advertised in the Kennebec journals as follows, under the caption "Caution to Liquor Dealers:" "Whoever sells or offers to me any intoxicating liquor of whatever nature, or whoever sells any in my presence, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

An exchange says milkmaids who are good singers are paid higher wages than those who are not, because under the influence of music cows give down better and more milk, and adds: "An Orange county milk producer is trying to engage Kellogg and Parpa Rosa to sing around his pump."

The meanest man yet discovered lives in Louisville. He borrows half a gallon of ice water every day and promises to return it next winter.

**A Yankee Trick.**

Just before the Declaration of Independence a Yankee pedler started down to New York to sell a lot of bowls and dishes he had made of maple. Jonathan traveled over the city, asking everybody to buy his wares, but no one was disposed to buy.

It happened that a British fleet was then lying in the harbor of New York, and Jonathan struck upon a plan of selling his ware. He got a suit, by hook or crook (for history doesn't tell where he got it) and strutting up town one morning, asked a merchant if he had any wooden ware as the commodore wanted a lot for the fleet.

The merchant replied that he had none on hand, but there was some in town, and if he would send in, in the afternoon, he would supply him with pleasure.

"Very good," said the naval officer, "I will call."

Jonathan now cut for home by the shortest route, and he had scarcely doffed his borrowed plumage before down came the merchant, who, seeing that Jonathan had sold none of his ware, offered to take the whole if he would deduct fifteen per cent. But Jonathan said he would be glad if he wouldn't take 'em home before he'd take a cent less than his first price.

The merchant finally paid him down in gold his price for the wooden ware which lay on his shelves for many a long day thereafter; and Jonathan trotted home in high glee at the success of his manoeuvre while the merchant cursed the British ever after.

Said Smith to Brown: "If this disease becomes epidemic, how shall we manage to get up funeral processions?" "Well," replied Brown, "We must go on foot." "That might answer in some cases," said Smith, "but as for myself I should prefer not to die rather than give my friends that trouble."

A smart boy in one of the public schools, having been required to write a composition on some part of the human body, expended as follows: "The throat is convenient to have, especially to roosters and ministers. The former eats corn and crows with it; the latter preaches through his'n, and then ties it up."

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Where A. gives to B., his son, a farm for his natural life, and at his death to go to his heirs, &c., what claim has B's widow on the farm after B's death? (A Subscriber.)

Where one farmer agreed to cut with a machine a field for another, and was prevented from finishing the same for a whole week by reason of continuous heavy rains, in consequence of which the whole field was lost; how far is he responsible for the loss? (J. F. C.)

In Ohio, when has county Auditor the right to demand from delinquent tax payers (by reason of claiming that the tax is levied on bona fide debts) the names of creditors, &c.? (A Subscriber.)

Can a surety on a bond, which turns out to hold him to different obligations from what he understood and intended at time of signing; avoid the bond? (Deceased.)

Where a woman, being engaged to be married, obtained a deed from her betrothed, based on the marriage contract, and then refuses to marry him; what redress has the man? (Inquiry.)

What redress has a father against the keeper of a "public den" for the ruin of his two sons? (J. R.)

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Beans.....	60
Bran.....	20
Buckwheat.....	32
Blue grass seed.....	14
Broom corn seed.....	50
Castor Beans.....	48
Clover seed.....	60
Corn on the cob.....	70
Corn shelled.....	56
Corn meal.....	50
Cool.....	80
Flax seed.....	56
Hungarian grass seed.....	45
Hemp seed.....	44
Lime.....	80
Millet seed.....	45
Oats.....	52
Onions.....	57
Osage Orange Seed.....	32
Potatoes, sweet.....	50
Potatoes, Irish.....	60
Peaches, dried.....	33
Rye.....	56
Salt.....	50
Stone coal.....	80
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